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Dear parents and carers

As you may be aware, there have been two separate robbery incidents in town that have directly affected students from our school, and we have also been informed of similar incidents involving children from other local schools. In one case, a weapon was present. Understandably, this has caused concern among families and students.

We are working closely with Surrey Police to understand the situation fully and to minimise risk to young people travelling in the area. Officers are increasing their presence, and we will continue to share further updates as we receive them.

In the meantime, please discuss and reinforce the following safety measures with your young person:

- **Keep phones and valuables in bags or pockets:** keeping items out of sight prevents others seeing possessions they might want to take
- **Arrange to collect your young person where possible,** especially after clubs, fixtures, revision sessions, or any activity that finishes later than the normal school day
- **Avoid students waiting around after school unnecessarily.** If your young person receives a detention, please encourage them to attend the shorter **lunchtime detention** rather than waiting to complete it after school
- **Encourage young people to travel in groups.** Students are safer when walking with friends or known peers
- **Use well-lit, busy routes.** Please remind students to avoid shortcuts through parks or quieter areas
- **Ensure your young person knows who can help.** This might include going into a trusted shop, speaking to transport staff, approaching responsible adults nearby or returning to school
- **Know how to seek help quickly.** Students should contact you immediately if they feel unsafe. In an emergency, they should call **999**, and for non-urgent concerns, **101**

We are also speaking with students in school to remind them about safe travel, responsible decision-making, and what to do if they feel worried at any point on their journey.

We appreciate the support of our parent community, and we will continue to work together to keep our young people safe. If your young person has been affected or is worried in any way, do let their Head of Year know so they can provide some extra support to them. Equally do keep us and the police informed of any incidents if they occur.

Best wishes

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